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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2223

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PROTEST TO EC OVER TRADE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL

RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN EC-ISRAEL ECONOMIC AGREEMENT

CAME AS A SHOCK TO LIBYAN REGIME, AND IT REACTED QUICK-

LY AND ANGRILY. ON MAY 19 DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY FOR

POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT MFA ASKED ALL EC AMBASSADORS

IN TRIPOLI TO COME TO MFA TO BE READ OFF ON MATTER,

BUT IN SHOW OF SOLIDARITY THEY SENT ITALIAN

AMBASSADOR AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE INSTEAD. WE UN-

DERSTAND HE WAS TOLD LIBYA CONSIDERED THAT CHANCES FOR

EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE HAD BEEN ALL BUT DESTROYED BY

EC-ISRAEL AGREEMENT. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY

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REPLIED

THAT (A) AGREEMENT HAD BEEN IN WORKS FOR SOME
TIME, (B) IT WAS PURELY ECONOMIC IN CHARACTER.
UNDERSECRETARY WAS NOT MOLLIFIED AND SAID THAT
LIBYAN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS WOULD BE MAKING STRONG
PROTEST AT PREPARATORY MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD
IN CAIRO. THIS WAS APPARENTLY OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS,
AS LATER SAME DAY IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT LIBYA WAS
BOYCOTTING CAIRO PREPARATORY MEETING ALTOGETHER.
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